



<b>Overview</b>	<p>A look around my local supermarkets surprised me in that there are still cherries on offer in two of the five stores. One offering was tired and the other still looked good.</p> <p>Generally, the fruit looked very good, rot levels on the displayed fruit was much lower than previous checks and there was some good fruit aroma when not under chilled display.</p> <p>We are no longer the 'front of house' display in all the supermarkets as has been the situation for the last few months. Oranges and apples seem to now have that spot.</p> <p>Retail prices are variable, apricots for instance varied between \$5.00 and \$7.99kg, with the higher price in the lowest socio-economic area. The scruffiest fruit was a little of the Golden peach, and the plums look a little tired as we wait for the recently harvested fruit to arrive.</p>			
<b>North Island</b>	<p>The temperatures have been relatively mild for a Hawkes Bay late summer with a few small rainfall events, although the GDD have remained good due to mild nights. This coming week is going to be warm.</p>			
<b>South Island</b>	<p>In contrast, Central Otago has had hot days, no rain and still some cool nights. I noted a diurnal (difference between maximum and minimum for the day) variation of over 20°C for last week. GDD is a good average. This coming week looks to be cooling off from the highs, but still dry.</p>			
<b>cherries</b>		<b>LOW</b>	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Supply is now gone. There may be a small amount held by individual retailers, but not for long I suspect.</li> </ul>				
<b>apricots</b>		<b>LOW</b>	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Supply is now tight especially in the North Island, not so bad in the South. Some of the marketers have not had any apricots to sell for about seven days. We are expecting supply to improve next week.</li> <li>➤ Some traditional <b>Moorpark</b> is being picked and <b>Nevis</b> harvest has begun and will ramp up next week.</li> <li>➤ Some cool-stored punnets are on the shelves from <b>Clutha</b> series harvests.</li> <li>➤ Any large fruit is getting good returns and there are no problems noted with the quality. That said, there are reports of rumble damage in a couple of lines.</li> </ul>				
<b>nectarines</b>		<b>LOW</b>	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As was the situation last week, supply is not meeting demand, and some Auckland supermarkets are chasing supply.</li> <li>➤ There is <b>Valentine</b> from Hawkes Bay which is fetching OK prices. There are limited volumes of the <b>Hunny</b> and <b>Pearl</b> series available; <b>August Fire</b> will be picked next week.</li> <li>➤ Central Otago is picking <b>Mid Star</b>, <b>Fantasia</b>, <b>Orin</b> and <b>Summer Bright</b> yellow nectarines. Next weeks' volumes are said to be better than this week. <b>Hunny</b> series and <b>Flatto</b> are on the way north.</li> <li>➤ The white-fleshed <b>Bright Pearl</b> and <b>Fire Pearl</b> will start next week for some and is under way for others.</li> <li>➤ Quality out of Hawkes Bay is better and the Central fruit has no problems.</li> </ul>				
<b>peaches</b>		<b>LOW</b>	<b>MED</b>	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Golden peaches</b> are still available for a few more days – there has been a lift in price that reflects the end of supply for this desired fruit. <b>Golden Queens</b> are still a few weeks away.</li> <li>➤ Traditional <b>Pecharines</b> are just available now. The 5-10 mm of rain in Hawkes Bay will have caused surface markings. Very small volumes of <b>Black Boy</b> will be available next week. Other than these two peaches, Hawkes Bay supply is finished.</li> <li>➤ Central Otago is picking <b>Flamecrest</b> and <b>Blazing Star</b> in good volume, but not in the total volumes of Hawkes Bay supply. A little <b>Elegant Lady</b> is being harvested; <b>Coconut Ice</b> and <b>Southern Ice</b> (white flesh) are nearing the end of harvest.</li> </ul>				
<b>plums</b>		<b>LOW</b>	<b>MED</b>	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The plum story is still a bit all over the place. There is older stock of plums on the shelves that looks past its use by date. Some are reporting light supply, even shortage, and some have plenty of supply. For the first time this year supply and demand are close to balanced.</li> <li>➤ Hawkes bay is picking or has picked <b>Freedom</b>, <b>Omega</b> and <b>Autumn Honey</b>. Very small volumes of <b>Louisa</b> and <b>Humdinger</b> are around. Small volumes of <b>Angeleno</b> maybe around next week.</li> <li>➤ <b>Fortune</b> from Central Otago is on its way to market. <b>Giant Candy</b> will be available next week.</li> </ul>				

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Note: The information supplied is based on communication with summerfruit growers, marketers, retailers and other relevant industry parties. Information supplied on cherries, apricots, nectarines, peaches and plums can alter after publishing due to unexpected weather events, market forces, and other events relevant to the industry. Seek daily advice on supply from your summerfruit supplier.